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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6177**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 4**

**NOTE PREPARED: Apr 11, 2011**

**BILL AMENDED: Apr 8, 2011**

**SUBJECT:** Suicide Prevention Training for School Personnel.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Miller

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Noe

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill allows a governing body to adjourn its schools to allow teachers to participate in a basic or inservice course of education and training on suicide prevention and the recognition of signs that a student may be considering suicide.

The bill requires the Division of Mental Health and Addiction to provide information and guidance to local school corporations on evidence based programs for teacher training on the prevention of child suicide and the recognition of signs that a student may be considering suicide.

The bill provides that after June 30, 2013, an individual may not receive an initial teaching license unless the individual has completed training on suicide prevention and the recognition of signs that a student may be considering suicide. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Commission on Mental Health.)

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2011.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) The Division of Mental Health and Addiction might need to dedicate staff time to providing information and guidance to local school corporations on evidence based programs for teacher training on the prevention of child suicide and the recognition of signs that a student may be considering suicide. The impact is probably minor.

After June 30, 2013, an applicant for an initial teaching license must show evidence that they have successfully completed education and training on the prevention of suicide and the recognition of students who are considering suicide. The training would be done by a college or university as part of their teacher

training.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

Schools would have the option of allowing teachers to participate in education and training on the prevention of suicide. Unless schools would need to purchase course materials for education and training, the bill should present a minimal impact on local school expenditures. Any impact on school expenditures would depend on school governing body action.

*Background-* Current law already gives schools the option of allowing teachers up to three school days to participate in sessions regarding:

- (1) agriculture,
- (2) teachers' association,
- (3) visiting model schools, or
- (4) autism.

The bill adds a fifth category for which these three days may be used..

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local schools.

**Information Sources:**

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